



Template Version 2.07

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

GAIN Report

Global Agriculture Information Network

Required Report - public distribution

Date: 6/24/2003

GAIN Report Number: RS3016

Russian Federation

Oilseeds and Products

Annual

2003

Approved by:Randall Hager
U.S. Embassy**Prepared by:**

Yelena Vassilieva and Dorothy Adams

Report Highlights:

Total oilseed production will increase slightly, composed mainly of sunflowerseeds. Exports of sunflowerseeds will also increase as the domestic market is saturated with oil and meal. Post expects soybean meal imports to increase as three applications for registration of GMO soybean meal have been approved.

Includes PSD Changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: Yes
Annual Report
Moscow [RS1]
[RS]

Table of Contents

Executive Summary.....	4
Total Oilseeds.....	4
Table 1. PSD, Three Major Oilseeds (Sunflowerseed, Soybeans, Rapeseed), 1,000 Metric Tons	5
Production	5
Table 2. Oilseeds, Sown Area, Production, Yields, 1995 - 2002	6
Consumption.....	6
Trade	7
Stocks.....	7
Marketing	7
Policy.....	7
Sunflowerseed	7
Table 3. PSD, Sunflowerseed, 1,000 Metric Tons, 1,000 hectares	8
Table 4. Sunflowerseed: Area, Yields, and Production by Regions	10
Table 5. Export Trade Matrix, Sunflowerseed, 1,000 Metric Tons	11
Soybeans	12
Table 6. PSD, Soybeans, 1,000 Metric Tons, 1,000 Hectares	12
Table 7. Soybeans: Area, and Production by Regions	12
Table 8. Import Trade Matrix, Soybeans, 1,000 metric Tons	14
Rapeseed	14
Table 9. PSD, Rapeseed, 1,000 Metric Tons, 1,000 Hectares.....	15
Peanuts.....	15
Total Meals.....	16
Table 10. Consolidated PSD for Major Oil Meals and Fish Meal, 1,000 Metric Tons.....	16
Production	16
Consumption.....	16
Stocks.....	17
Tariffs	17
Oilseed Meal Tables.....	18
Sunflowerseed Meal	18
Table 11. PSD, Sunflowerseed Meal, 1,000 Metric Tons.....	18
Soybean Meal	19
Table 12. PSD, Soybean Meal, 1,000 Metric Tons.....	19
Table 13. Import Trade Matrix, Soybean Meal, 1,000 Metric Tons.....	20
Rapeseed Meal	21
Table 14. PSD Rapeseed Meal, 1,000 Metric Tons	21
Fish Meal.....	22
Table 15. PSD, Fish Meal, 1,000 Metric Tons	22
Total Oils.....	23
Table 16. PSD, Total Vegetable Oils, 1,000 Metric Tons	23
Table 17. Supply of Vegetable Oils, 1998-2002, 1,000 Metric Tons.....	24
Production	24
Table 18. Vegetable oil production in Russia, 1,000 Metric Tons.....	24
Consumption.....	25
Table 19. Production of Vegetable Oil Food Products, 1,000 Metric Tons.....	25
Trade	26
Stocks.....	26
Marketing	26
Prices.....	27
Policy and Tariffs.....	27
Sunflowerseed Oil	27
Table 20. PSD, Sunflowerseed Oil, 1,000 Metric Tons	27
Table 21. Exports Trade Matrix, Sunflowerseed Oil, 1,000 Metric Tons	29

Table 22. Import Trade Matrix, Sunflowerseed Oil, 1,000 Metric Tons	30
Soybean Oil	31
Table 23. PSD, Soybean Oil, 1,000 Metric Tons.....	31
Table 24. Import Trade Matrix, Soybean Oil, 1,000 Metric tons.....	32
Rapeseed Oil.....	34
Table 26. PSD, Rapeseed Oil,1,000 Metric Tons	34
Palm Oil	35
Table 27. PSD, Palm Oil, 1,000 Metric Tons.....	35
Table 28. Import Trade Matrix, Palm Oil, 1,000 Metric Tons.....	36
Table 29. Palm Oil Prices.....	36

Executive Summary

Post forecasts a slight increase in total oilseeds production in MY 2003 to 4.35 million metric tons (mmt), composed mainly of sunflowerseeds. Post forecasts domestic oilseed crush at 3.6 mmt (yielding 1.6 mmt of oilseed meal and 1.34 mmt of oil), down from last year due to saturated domestic demand and higher incentives to export sunflowerseeds.

Post forecasts an increase in seed and feed meal imports after a decline in MY 2002 caused by GMO certification issues. Imports of vegetable oils are forecast to rebound after a slow down in MY 2002 driven by stable and strong demand from the domestic food processing industry and increased exports of sunflowerseeds. The structure of imports of vegetable oil will depend strongly on international oil prices. Post forecasts an increase both in soybean oil and palm oil imports to 350,000 metric tons and 330,000 metric tons respectively.

Total exports of oilseeds are forecast to increase by almost three times, the vast majority of which will be sunflower seeds. Soybean exports will be minimal-only border trade with China. Post does not forecast exports of oilseeds meal, while exports of vegetable oil will increase to 165,000 metric tons.

Post does not envision significant improvements in oilseed production methods. Therefore, any increase in oilseeds production will be based mostly on the shift of production to areas with more favorable climate and better historic agronomy practices.

The recent lifting of import tariffs for soybean meal and the strong lobby in favor of lifting soybean import tariffs, along with beginning of registration process of soybean meal containing GMO lines will improve market access for soyproducts from the U.S., although prices remain the decisive factor in decisions of Russian consumers of these products.

Total Oilseeds

In MY 2002, oilseeds production increased by 34 percent to 4.3 mmt because of a significant increase in sown area, much more favorable weather, and a concentration of production in regions with more advanced agronomic practices. For MY 2003, Post forecasts a further increase to 4.4 mmt mostly due to increased planting of sunflowerseed and increased production of soybeans and other alternative oilseeds in the Southern District of Russia. For example, in Rostov Oblast the area sown to mustard and soybeans will be increased by two times and in Krasnodar an increase in area sown to soybeans is also forecast.

Oilseeds imports are forecast to increase to 65,000 metric tons, composed mainly of soybeans. Despite the issuance of several approved GMO certificates for soybean meal, no registrations are complete for soybeans themselves. Therefore, Post forecasts soybean imports to remain roughly on par with last year's. Oilseeds exports are forecast to increase to 630,000 metric tons, including 600,000 metric tons of sunflowerseed. Given the increase in sunflowerseed production, exports will be stimulated by the saturation of the domestic market and decreased grain exports. Russian traders will be interested in exports of sunflowerseed more than last year when export handling capacity was completely occupied with grain exports.

After a sharp increase in oil crush in MY 2002, Post forecasts a slow down of domestic crushing of oilseeds to 3.6 mmt due to saturated demand for vegetable oil and products in the domestic market, and increased imports of competitive vegetable oils (soybean and palm).

Domestic food use will remain stable. Ending stocks will decrease to 36,000 metric tons due to better organization in the vertically integrated systems between farmers, crushers, traders and oil processors (ie, crushers are trying to minimize waste).

Table 1. PSD, Three Major Oilseeds (Sunflowerseed, Soybeans, Rapeseed), 1,000 Metric Tons

Beg. Month/Year of Marketing Year:			
	10/01	10/02	10/03
	Revised	Preliminary	Forecast
Area Planted	4,832	4,737	4,845
Area Harvested	4,430	4,418	4,645
Beginning Stocks	72	51	58
Production	3,160	4,223	4,300
MY Imports	70	35	65
MY Imports from U.S.	40	20	0
MY Imports from the EC	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	3,302	4,309	4,423
MY Exports	74	220	625
MY Exports to the EC	50	100	100
Crush Dom. Consumption	2,990	3,840	3,575
Food Use Dom. Consump.	100	100	100
Feed, Seed, Waste Dm.Cn.	87	91	87
TOTAL Dom.Consumption	3,177	4,031	3,762
Ending Stocks	51	58	36
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	3,302	4,309	4,423

Source: Prepared by Post based on PSD tables for each crop.

Production

The size of the sown area and the location of production areas are the main components of oilseeds output. Yields improved, but remain low compared with the yields in countries with more advanced agronomy practices. Table 2 summarizes planted area, production, and yields of various oilseeds in Russia during 1995-2002.

Production in 2002 increased by 34 percent and sown area increase by eight percent. Better weather and increased sewing in high yielding regions like Krasnodar Kray, Stavropol Kray and Rostov oblast were the main factors that increased in sunflowerseed yields from 0.7 t/ha to 0.89 t/ha and soybeans from 0.84 t/ha to 0.89 t/ha.

The share of sunflowerseed in sown area decreased slightly, while the share of soybeans increased. Other oilseeds crops like mustard do not play an important role in total oilseeds production, but are considered profitable by some companies, and so are still cultivated.

Table 2. Oilseeds, Sown Area, Production, Yields, 1995 - 2002

Sown Area, 1,000 hectares								
Crop	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Sunflower	4,127	3,874	3,588	4,168	5,585	4,629	3,821	4,117
Soybean	487	485	404	453	439	421	417	476
Rapeseed	276	167	139	198	246	232	134	145
Mustard	246	189	139	127	140	162	59	80
Flax	5	8	4	8	16	22	14	12
Other	7	27	4	4	8	19	3	8
TOTAL	5,148	4,750	4,278	4,958	6,434	5,485	4,448	4,838
Yields, Metric Tons per Hectare								
Crop	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Sunflower	1.02	0.71	0.79	0.72	0.74	0.85	0.70	0.89
Soybean	0.60	0.58	0.69	0.66	0.76	0.81	0.84	0.89
Rapeseed	0.45	0.66	0.51	0.63	0.55	0.64	0.84	0.79
Mustard	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.31	0.28	0.47	0.44
Flax	0.80	1.00	0.75	0.63	0.56	0.64	0.57	0.67
Other	0.29	(0.04)	0.25	0.25	0.38	1.05	0.47	0.65
TOTAL	0.90	0.67	0.75	0.69	0.73	0.82	0.72	0.88
Production, 1,000 Metric Tons								
Crop	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Sunflower	4,200	2,765	2,831	3,000	4,150	3,915	2,685	3,684
Soybean	290	282	280	297	334	342	350	423
Rapeseed	123	110	71	125	135	148	113	115
Mustard	5	4	6	7	43	46	28	35
Flax	4	8	3	5	9	14	8	8
Other	2	(1)	1	1	3	20	1	5
TOTAL	4,624	3,168	3,192	3,435	4,674	4,485	3,185	4,271

Source: Official Goscomstat data and "AgroKhleb Bulletin" #1, 2003 (SovEcon Publication)

Consumption

Russia's annual total oilseeds crushing capacity remained stable at approximately 4.2 mmt. In MY 2002, Post estimates the use of domestic crushing plants increased to 3.84 mmt, over ninety percent of the total available capacity. Official data on production of vegetable oils in the period October 2002 through March 2003 provides a basis for Post estimates and Post thinks by the beginning of April, 2.64 mmt of oilseeds were crushed at plants, small factories, and shops, or approximately 439,000 metric tons per month. By mid April 2003, crushing operations slowed down due to diminishing availability, decreased stocks, and seasonal interruptions in operations when plants stop for cleaning and repair for the next season. According to official reports of Soyuzmargarinprom, the union of leading producers in the margarine industry, in April 2003 a total of 200,000

metric tons of oilseeds were crushed at factories, including 170,000 metric tons of sunflowerseed (87 percent), 22,000 tons of soybeans (eleven percent) and four tons of rapeseed (two percent). Due to a shortage of oilseeds by the end of April, nine big crushing plants stopped their operations.

Trade

Post forecasts total oilseeds imports will increase to 65,000 metric tons from 35,000 metric tons last year. Sunflowerseed imports will not exceed 5,000 metric tons-mostly border trade with the Ukraine, while imports of soybeans will rise only slightly - mostly from U.S. (including transshipment of U.S. products through EU ports) and Brazil. Trade with China will continue, but this border trade is not always reflected in the official Customs data.

Exports of soybeans are forecast at 5,000 metric tons (border trade with China), while sunflowerseed exports will increase to 600,000 metric tons. Exports of rapeseed will also continue to some traditional consumers in the EU, mostly from Kaliningrad Oblast.

Stocks

Post forecasts ending stocks of oilseeds to decrease in MY 2003 to 36,000 metric tons. Stocks of oilseeds in MY 2002 increased to 58,000 metric tons at the expense of sunflowerseeds. (Note: the end of year stock sunflowerseed includes a portion of the new crop harvested in September).

Marketing

The State Statistical Committee does not collect data on the marketing of oilseeds on a yearly basis. However, Post estimates the share of direct sales of oilseeds by farmers to end users will continue to increase along with the development of vertical integration. Investments of crushing companies in production of oilseeds will also increase. For example, OOO "Agrosoyuz Yug Rusi" has its own area sown to Sunflowerseed in Rostov and Krasnodar - 19,100 hectares and plan to harvest 32,500 tons (yield - 0 1.72 t/ha), which is approximately one month supply. Additionally, Yug Rusi Rostov region has three other big crushing enterprises (ZAO "Rabochiy", OAO "Donskoye Solnechnoye", Miller oil-extraction plant - all these big plants are part of holding companies which have a stable sources of supply (mostly on contract with farmers, to less extent - their own seeds production) and many small ones. In Krasnodar Kray there are also around ten oil-crushing plants, which work on a contract basis with sunflowerseed producers.

Policy

There is only one change from last year's report- import tariffs on soybean meal have been reduced from ten percent to five percent. Currently some groups are lobbying to have the tariff on soybeans reduced also.

Sunflowerseed

According to the Russian Ministry of Agriculture, sunflowerseeds were sown on 4,117,000 hectares in 2002 and were harvested from 3,798,000 or 92 percent of sown area.

Forecasts of area sown to sunflowerseed in 2003 vary. For example, MinAg forecasts a decrease in sown area on a year-to-year bases, while independent analysts forecast an increase in sown area to 4.5 - 4.7 million hectares.

The higher forecasts are based on the faster rate of sowing in the Southern and Central Federal districts compared to last year. According to SovEcon data, by May 26, 2003 sunflowerseed were sown to 3.9 million hectares or a half of a million hectares more than for the same date last year. Sovecon also increased its, sunflowerseed production forecast to 3.8 - 4.0 million tons. Post forecasts the area sown to sunflowerseed at 4.2 million hectares basically unchanged from last year. The speed of sowing increased, however rapidly increasing domestic grain prices combined with flat domestic demand for vegetable oil and stable sunflowerseed prices may weaken producers' incentives to expand sunflowerseed area, and may stimulate them to compensate winter grain losses with increased area sown to spring grains and grasses. Recently, Russian farmers, especially in sunflowerseed producing areas have begun to observe crop rotation norms. Significant changes in use of chemicals and yield increases are not foreseen for the 2003 crop and Post forecasts (normal-to-good weather conditions) sunflowerseed production at 3.75 mmt, only slightly higher than in 2002. The expected upcoming small grain crop may create some additional incentives to increase production of sunflowerseed as an "export" crop to keep the export capacity of grain traders working. However, this is not a direct "incentive" for farmers. Besides, the volumes of sunflowerseed exports first of all depend on domestic and foreign prices.

Post forecasts an increase in sunflowerseed exports to 600,000 metric tons. In the past few years, domestic oilseeds crushing improved greatly and the crushing industry actively merged with vegetable oil processing, limiting exports.

Post decreases the end of year stocks levels for MY 2002 by 20,000 MT to 25,000 MT. These are estimates of actual stocks, which may also include sunflowerseed from the new crop as harvesting began in southern Russia in September 2002. Along with the development of vertical integration, companies are using resources better throughout the year, and Post forecasts a further decrease in sunflowerseed stocks by the end of MY 2003 to 10,000 metric tons.

Table 3. PSD, Sunflowerseed, 1,000 Metric Tons, 1,000 hectares

PSD Table						
Country	Russian Federation					
Commodity	Oilseed, Sunflowerseed				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	2001	Preliminary	2002	Forecast	2003
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2001		10/2002		10/2003
Area Planted	4200	4200	4100	4117	0	4200
Area Harvested	3800	3800	4100	3798	0	4000
Beginning Stocks	35	35	5	5	45	25
Production	2670	2670	3630	3685	0	3750
MY Imports	5	5	10	5	0	5
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	2710	2710	3645	3695	45	3780
MY Exports	50	50	200	200	0	600
MY Exp. to the EC	50	50	100	100	0	100

Crush Dom. Consumption	h2485	2485	3190	3300	0	3000
Food Use Dom. Consump.	100	100	120	100	0	100
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	70	70	90	70	0	70
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	2655	2655	3400	3470	0	3170
Ending Stocks	5	5	45	25	0	10
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2710	2710	3645	3695	0	3780
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

In 2002, higher production was caused by an increase in sown area in the main producing regions of Russia and yield improvements. However, the biggest effect in output was in the most suitable production regions - Krasnodar, Stavropol and Rostov. The restraining factor for further expansion of sunflowerseed in these regions is limited land resources because sunflowerseed compete with other crops, including winter grains.

Table 4. Sunflowerseed: Area, Yields, and Production by Regions

	1986-1990	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
PLANTED AREA, thousand hectares								
Russia	2,446	3,875	3,588	4,167	5,585	4,627	3,821	4,117
Voronezh	206	280	291	313	360	347	325	349
Volgograd	199	388	409	453	598	461	412	447
Saratov	313	430	361	396	531	484	431	448
Krasnodar	300	452	388	458	472	400	352	424
Stavropol	181	297	268	313	447	447	207	223
Rostov	429	694	678	809	1,021	1,019	794	809
Orenburg	143	240	210	254	436	256	221	241
Altay Kray	114	250	216	266	360	320	188	236
Other	561	844	767	905	1,360	893	891	940
YIELD, mt per 1 hectare of harvested area								
Russia	0.82	0.71	0.79	0.72	0.75	0.85	0.78	0.97
Voronezh	0.57	0.83	1	0.94	1.11	1.04	0.91	1.07
Volgograd	0.51	0.51	0.7	0.51	0.67	0.74	0.60	0.81
Saratov	0.37	0.41	0.65	0.44	0.67	0.54	0.50	0.56
Krasnodar	1.6	1.28	0.84	1.24	1.3	1.55	1.37	1.77
Stavropol	1.11	0.97	0.84	0.88	0.5	0.66	0.95	1.15
Rostov	1.05	0.75	0.95	0.75	0.85	0.99	0.87	1.19
Orenburg	0.45	0.43	0.68	0.42	0.46	0.71	0.49	0.56
Altay Kray	0.48	0.31	0.24	0.31	0.35	0.47	0.56	0.51
Other	0.71	0.69	0.82	0.71	0.7	0.99	0.64	0.72
PRODUCTION, thousand metric tons								
Russia	2,553	2,765	2,831	3,000	4,150	3,911	2,685	3,684
Voronezh	140	233	291	295	399	359	287	353

Volgograd	148	200	288	233	396	341	209	309
Saratov	112	176	235	173	356	259	207	241
Krasnodar	654	580	327	571	613	622	469	732
Stavropol	263	290	224	278	225	225	151	249
Rostov	665	523	642	609	870	888	579	882
Orenburg	79	105	143	114	202	184	104	126
Altay Kray	99	79	53	82	126	152	101	114
Other	393	579	628	644	963	881	578	678

Source: State Statistical Committee

Table 5. Export Trade Matrix, Sunflowerseed, 1,000 Metric Tons

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Russian Federation		
Commodity	Oilseed, Sunflowerseed		
Time period	Oct/Sep	Units:	1,000 MT
Exports for:	2001		2002
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Greece	7	Italy	29
Kazakhstan	6	Kazakhstan	28
Spain	4	France	12
Israel	3	Turkey	10
Turkey	2	Denmark	8
Lebanon	2	Syria	7
Latvia	1	Spain	6
		Germany	5
		Greece	4
		Israel	3
Total for Others	25		112
Others not Listed	25		88
Grand Total	50		200

Source: State Customs Committee

Post's estimate of larger exports in MY 2002 is based on exports of 136,000 metric tons in the period between October 2002 and April 2003. Official Customs data reported less than 5,000 metric tons imports of sunflowerseed in MY 2002, most of which were shipped from Ukraine and Moldova.

Soybeans

Soybean production increased significantly in 2002 mostly due to a 60,000 mt increase in production in Krasnodar Kray to 96,520 mt or 23 percent of the total. Amur Oblast, the largest producer of soybeans, also increased production by 61,210 mt to 265,39 mt, while production of soybeans in Primorskiy Kray, the second largest producer of soybeans fell more than twice because of frost damage in the period of harvesting.

Table 6. PSD, Soybeans, 1,000 Metric Tons, 1,000 Hectares

PSD Table						
Country	Russian Federation					
Commodity	Oilseed, Soybean				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	2001	Preliminary	2002	Forecast	2003
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2001		10/2002		10/2003
Area Planted	420	420	430	475	0	500
Area Harvested	420	420	430	475	0	500
Beginning Stocks	20	20	20	20	20	17
Production	350	350	360	423	0	425
MY Imports	65	65	110	30	0	60
MY Imp. from U.S.	40	40	0	20	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	435	435	490	473	20	502
MY Exports	0	0	10	0	0	5
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crush Dom. Consumption	410	410	460	450	0	480
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	5	5	0	6	0	7
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	415	415	460	456	0	487
Ending Stocks	20	20	20	17	0	10
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	435	435	490	473	0	502
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 7. Soybeans: Area, and Production by Regions

	1986-1990	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
PLANTED AREA, thousand hectares						
Russia, total	631	452	439	421	417	476
- including major producers:						
Amur oblast	408	211	219	n.a	206	240
Primorskiy Kray	106	90	92	n.a	91	108
Krasnodar Kray	30	78	50	n.a	44	59
PRODUCTION, thousand metric tons						
Russia, total	649	297	334	342	350	423
- including major producers:						
Amur Oblast	430	162	183	n.a	204	265
Primorskiy Kray	106	60	54	n.a	68	23
Krasnodar Kray	42	43	48	n.a	36	97

In the Russian Far East, where over 85 percent of all soybeans are grown, part of the crop suffered from early snowfalls in mid-October, the usual time of harvesting and production did not reach the previous year's level. However, total production increased by 21 percent to 423,000 metric tons due to a fourteen percent increase of area sown to soybeans (in spite of severe competition with other crops) and yield improvements. Demand increased in both the domestic crushing and feed industries.

In Krasnodar Kray, the area sown increased from 47,400 hectares to 110,000 hectares. In spite of severe competition from other crops, farmers in Krasnodar Kray more and more understand the benefits of growing soybeans as a commercial product and not only for the improvement of feeding directly at the farm as before. Farm-gate prices in Krasnodar increased from 5,000 Rubles per ton in the beginning of harvest to more than 7,000 Rubles by the beginning of 2003.

Post believes imports of soybeans will increase as GMO regulations for feed use develop and more import certificates are approved. However at this time only soybean meal is approved and by the end of March 2003, Russia did not import any soybeans. Significant imports of soybeans on the eve of the domestic harvest are not likely and the benefits of a resolution of the GMO issues aren't likely to occur in the very near future. Therefore, Post forecasts only a small increase in imports in MY 2003. A strong lobby in favor of a decrease of soybean import duties is based on the analyses of the domestic market made by the Russian Grain Union and some holding companies. According to estimates of one company, which also has poultry operations (the main consumers of soybean meal are poultry factories), imports of soybeans for crushing with no import duty will be five to ten percent cheaper than imports of soybean meal. According to the Russian Grain Union, actual domestic consumption of soybean meal is 560,000 MT per year. However, to maintain the optimal feeding ratio of the planned size of poultry flocks, the "need" in soybean meal exceeds one million metric tons, which could be

processed from 1.4 MMT of soybeans. Domestic production of soybeans is 350,000 MT for production of 250,000 MT of meal. Present soybean crushing capacity of existing factories is 500,000-600,000 MT per year for production of up to 430,000 MT of soybean meal. This demonstrates that soybean meal will remain very important in the foreseeable future. But if soybeans were imported, domestic crushing capacity would be used, soybean oil would be added to the shortage of domestic sources of vegetable oil, and meal would be cheaper. Post forecast an increase of soybean imports in MY 2003 to 50,000 metric tons due to GMO soybeans registration for feed use and lobby in favor of imports of soybeans by oilseeds crushers.

Table 8. Import Trade Matrix, Soybeans, 1,000 metric Tons

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	Russian Federation		
Commodity	Oilseed, Soybean		
Time period	Oct/Sep	Units:	1,000 MT
Imports for:	2001		2002
U.S.	11	U.S.	10
Others		Others	
Brazil	53	Brazil	15
China	1	China	1
Total for Others	54		16
Others not Listed	0		4
Grand Total	65		30

Rapeseed

After a period of enthusiasm about the future of rapeseed, the bulk commercial production stabilized at a low level and was left only in four regions of Russia: Stavropol kray, Tatarstan Republic, Krasnodar Kray and Kaliningrad Oblast. Last year, these regions produced over 68,000 mt. In other Oblasts, production of rapeseed did not exceed 2,000 mt. Except for Tatarstan where spring rapeseed is grown, many other Oblasts grow winter rapeseed and in the spring, depending on remaining feed reserves or weather forecast for winter grains, either leave rapeseed for seeds or harvest it for green chop in the spring. Among the biggest producers of rapeseed,

Kaliningrad Oblast's crop is mostly exported to Germany. In 2002 Tatarstan produced 22,510 mt of rapeseed, Stavropol - 26,360 mt, Krasnodar Kray - 18,470 mt, and Kaliningrad - 14,240 mt of rapeseed. With improved agronomics, yields of rapeseed might begin to approach European levels of up to 7 t/ha, while in crop rotation rapeseed may be renewed every four years. These incentives may stimulate production of commercial rapeseed at farms on a contract basis with foreign companies.

Table 9. PSD, Rapeseed, 1,000 Metric Tons, 1,000 Hectares

PSD Table						
Country	Russian Federation					
Commodity	Oilseed, Rapeseed				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	2001	Preliminary	2002	Forecast	2003
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2001		10/2002		10/2003
Area Planted	212	212	225	145	0	160
Area Harvested	210	210	220	145	0	160
Beginning Stocks	17	17	26	26	16	16
Production	140	140	150	115	0	125
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	157	157	176	141	16	141
MY Exports	24	24	35	20	0	20
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crush Dom. Consumption	95	95	115	90	0	95
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	12	12	10	15	0	10
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	107	107	125	105	0	105
Ending Stocks	26	26	16	16	20	16
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	157	157	176	141	20	141
Calendar Year Imports						
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Rapeseed exports in MY 2002 did not exceed 20,000 mt and were mostly shipped to Germany. Post forecasts that exports will remain at approximately the same levels and will be exported to basically the same destinations.

Peanuts

Russian does not grow peanuts and therefore imports all peanuts for its food processing and snack food needs. Imports of peanuts in MY 2001 and 2002 were stagnant at 80,000 - 85,000 mt, monthly shipments of peanuts varied from 5,000 to 9,000 mt and the main suppliers are China and Uzbekistan.

Total Meals

Russian protein meal production (oilseeds meal and fish meal) in MY 2003 is forecast to decrease to 1.65 mmt from 1.75 mmt. Total imports of oilseeds meal are forecast to increase to 345,000 metric tons, but the share of fishmeal will decrease by five percent year to year. Registration of soybean meal with GMO lines for feed use along with the growing demand of the poultry industry will stimulate imports.

Table 10. Consolidated PSD for Major Oil Meals and Fish Meal, 1,000 Metric Tons

Beg. Month/Year of Marketing Year:			
	10/01	10/02	10/03
	Revised	Preliminary	Forecast
Crush	2,990	3,840	3,575
Extr.Rate, 999.9999			
Beginning Stocks	10	10	35
Production	1,451	1,753	1,646
MY Imports	360	330	345
MY Imports from U.S.	50	50	80
MY Imports from the EC	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	1,821	2,093	2,026
MY Exports	70	62	0
MY Exports to the EC	0	0	0
Industrial Dom.Consum	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Consumpt.	1,741	2,046	2,001
TOTAL Dom.Consumption	1,741	2,046	2,001
Ending Stocks	10	35	25
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1,821	2,093	2,026

Source: Prepared by Post based on PSD tables for each type of feed meal.

Production

Post forecasts a decline in the production of sunflowerseed meal due to higher seed exports and a slow down of domestic crushing and a further decrease in fish meal production. Official statistics do not give fish meal production for marketing years, but calendar year data show steep declines in domestic fishmeal production from 92,000 metric tons in CY 2001 to 70,000 metric tons in CY 2002. Data does not show all fish meal production, but rather reflects general tendencies. Soybean meal production is forecast at 375,000 metric tons.

Consumption

Post forecasts domestic consumption of meal to remain almost at the level of MY 2002, including imports. It is higher than the level of MY 2000 and 2001, years that followed the U.S. humanitarian aid shipments. However

given the government's desire to increase domestic poultry production, we expect an increase in meal demand for feeding.

Trade

In MY 2002 Russia decreased imports of both soybean and fishmeal. For both, the most import factors were veterinary restrictions, suspended GMO issues for soybean meal, and sanitary concerns about fish meal (fishmeal sometimes contains bone meal). With the beginning of official registration of soybean meal for use in feeds in May 2003, imports are forecast to increase. Actual imports of soybean meal from October 2002 through April 2003 were only 127,000 metric tons, but Post believes shipments will increase in May and June. Most is imported from the U.S., but some is also shipped through the Netherlands and smaller amounts are delivered from Uzbekistan and Brazil.

In order to stimulate domestic production of poultry products, the Government Commission on Protective measures in Foreign Trade at the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade made a decision on December 30, 2003 to remove the current five percent import duty on soybean meal, which is a major source of protein in poultry feed. According to some estimates, this decision will decrease the cost of domestic poultry meat production by seven percent. The decision was made in the same package with the decision to introduce import tariffs or TRQs for poultry, beef and pig meat (see Tariffs below).

However, some specialists think sunflowerseed meal is more attractive to meat and dairy producers as a protein component, because the price of one mt of sunflower meal is \$40-\$50 per ton versus \$300-\$310 per ton of imported soybean meal. Given the relatively large sunflowerseed crop in 2002 and efficient crushing capacity, sunflowerseed meal remained more attractive even to many poultry producers in MY 2002/03. On the other hand, soybean meal may be more competitive than other protein additives to poultry feeds and it is also considered to be safer by poultry nutritionists, compared with more expensive proteins derived from milk, fish, or bone meat. According to the same sources, Russia needs 1.2 mmt of soybean meal to have a balanced feed base.

Stocks

Stocks of meal are forecast to decrease to 25,000 metric tons after the estimated increase in MY 2002 to 35,000 metric tons. Post increased stocks due to likely additional shipments of soybean meal after GMO registration began in June 2003.

Tariffs

The GOR issued a Resolution on changes to the customs code of the Russian Federation (#121 of February 25, 2003 - RG, 03.01.03), which removes import tariffs for soybean meal (for feeding). The Resolution at the same time changes the specifications and numbers in the Codes: in the HS code 2304 00 000 0 (Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soybean oil) it introduces two new sub-codes: 2304 00 000 1 - soybean meal; and 2304 00 000 9 - other. Imports of commodities under HS code 2304 00 000 1 are duty free, while imports of commodities under HS code 2304 00 000 9 remain under a tariff of five percent of the customs value. The new description is not available yet, and Post assumes that non-textures de-fatted fine-grained (high milling quality) soybean meal (flour) which can be used in food products will be under "2304 00 000 9 - other".

Oilseed Meal Tables

Sunflowerseed Meal

Table 11. PSD, Sunflowerseed Meal, 1,000 Metric Tons

PSD Table						
Country	Russian Federation					
Commodity	Meal, Sunflowerseed				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	2001	Preliminary	2002	Forecast	2003
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2001		10/2002		10/2003
Crush	2485	2485	3190	3300	0	3000
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.390342	0.390342	0.382445	0.384848	NA	0.383333
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	20
Production	970	970	1220	1270	0	1150
MY Imports	10	10	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	980	980	1220	1270	0	1170
MY Exports	60	60	10	0	0	0
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	920	920	1210	1250	0	1160
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	920	920	1210	1250	0	1160
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	20	0	10
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	980	980	1220	1270	0	1170
Calendar Year Imports						
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Soybean Meal**Table 12. PSD, Soybean Meal, 1,000 Metric Tons**

PSD Table						
Country	Russian Federation					
Commodity	Meal, Soybean				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	2001	Preliminary	2002	Forecast	2003
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2001		10/2002		10/2003
Crush	410	410	460	450	0	480
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.780488	0.780488	0.782609	0.777778	NA	0.78125
Beginning Stocks	10	10	10	10	15	15
Production	320	320	360	350	0	375
MY Imports	260	260	350	230	0	260
MY Imp. from U.S.	50	50	80	50	0	80
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	590	590	720	590	15	650
MY Exports	0	0	0	5	0	0
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	580	580	705	570	0	635
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	580	580	705	570	0	635
Ending Stocks	10	10	15	15	0	15
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	590	590	720	590	0	650
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 13. Import Trade Matrix, Soybean Meal, 1,000 Metric Tons

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	Russian Federation		
Commodity	Meal, Soybean		
Time period	Oct/Sep	Units:	1,000 MT
Imports for:	2001		2002
U.S.	124	U.S.	120
Others		Others	
Netherlands	32	Netherlands	30
Uzbekistan	26	Brazil	25
Brasil	22	Uzbekistan	20
		Argentina	5
Total for Others	80		80
Others not Listed	56		30
Grand Total	260		230

Rapeseed Meal**Table 14. PSD Rapeseed Meal, 1,000 Metric Tons**

PSD Table						
Country	Russian Federation					
Commodity	Meal, Rapeseed				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	2001	Preliminary	2002	Forecast	2003
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2001		10/2002		10/2003
Crush	95	95	115	90	0	95
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.589474	0.589474	0.582609	0.588889	NA	0.589474
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	56	56	67	53	0	56
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	56	56	67	53	0	56
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	56	56	67	53	0	56
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	56	56	67	53	0	56
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	56	56	67	53	0	56
Calendar Year Imports						
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Fish Meal

Post estimates MY 2002 production of fishmeal will decrease to 80,000 metric tons and forecasts a further decrease in production to 65,000 metric tons in MY 2003. The decrease is caused by the continued decrease in domestic processing of fish and by continued strong fish exports.

Table 15. PSD, Fish Meal, 1,000 Metric Tons

PSD Table						
Country	Russian Federation					
Commodity	Meal, Fish				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	2001	Preliminary	2002	Forecast	2003
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2001		10/2002		10/2003
Catch For Reduction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	105	105	90	80	0	65
MY Imports	90	90	90	100	0	85
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	195	195	180	180	0	150
MY Exports	10	10	7	7	0	0
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	185	185	173	173	0	150
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	185	185	173	173	0	150
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	195	195	180	180	0	150
Calendar Year Imports						
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total Oils

The total supply of vegetable oil remained stable in MY 2002 and Post forecasts almost the same level of vegetable oil supply in MY 2003. Fluctuations in domestic crushing caused by either crop changes or strong stimuli to export seeds are easily compensated by imports of vegetable oil, especially soybean oil and palm oil. Industrial domestic consumption is forecast to increase by 5,000 metric tons to 590,000 metric tons, while food domestic consumption is forecast at 1.53 mmt.

Tariff preferences on imports of vegetable oil from developing countries may amount to thirty percent of the final price according to some importers. The present import duty for vegetable oil is fifteen percent, but not less than 100 EURO per one metric ton for raw for food purposes and not less than 140 EURO per one metric ton for bottled (10 liters or less). For developing countries the minimum discount is fifteen percent and may be different by country. As an example, the price of one ton of soybean oil CIF Novorossiysk is \$400 per metric ton. If imported from the US, the customs duty is fifteen percent (\$60), but not less than 100 EURO (in \$US it will be even more), while for Argentina the duty is "not less than 90 EURO" - $1/3 = 60$ EURO. This means for the importer there is a more than a \$40 difference in price in favor of imports from Argentina.

Table 16. PSD, Total Vegetable Oils, 1,000 Metric Tons

Beg. Month/Year of Marketing Year:			
Russian Federation	10/01	10/02	10/03
	Revised	Preliminary	Forecast
Crush	2,990	3,840	3,575
Extr.Rate, 999.9999			
Beginning Stocks	133	130	58
Production	1,120	1,393	1,337
MY Imports	1,080	835	958
MY Imports from U.S.	15	15	20
MY Imports from the EC	300	100	100
TOTAL SUPPLY	2,333	2,358	2,353
MY Exports	90	155	165
MY Exports to the EC	0	0	0
Industrial Dom.Consum	548	585	590
Food Use Dom. Consump.	1,555	1,540	1,525
Feed Waste Dom. Consumpt.	10	20	10
TOTAL Dom.Consumption	2,113	2,145	2,125
Ending Stocks	130	58	63
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2,333	2,358	2,353

Source: Prepared by Post based on individual PSDs for each type of vegetable oil (Sunflowerseed, soybean, rapeseed, palm, olive, coconut).

Table 17. Supply of Vegetable Oils, 1998-2002, 1,000 Metric Tons

	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
Total Oil	1,499	2,301	2,333	2,358	2,353
Sunflowerseed oil	730	1,500	1,265	1,505	1,415
Soybean Oil	527	443	638	393	443
Rapeseed Oil	125	73	67	45	50
Palm Oil	90	235	308	340	360
Coco-nut Oil	25	47	50	70	75
Olive Oil	2	3	5	5	10

Production

Post estimates the production of vegetable oil in MY 2002 at 1.4 mmt, a 24 percent increase from MY 2002. Official data on production of vegetable oil does not separate sunflowerseed oil from others and does not include non-reported crushing at small farms. In the table below Post included the under-reported vegetable oil production in the vegetable oil production estimates for period April 2003 through September 2003.

Table 18. Vegetable oil production in Russia, 1,000 Metric Tons

	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
Oct.	132	141	150	138	155
Nov.	137	136	160	148	176
Dec.	126	148	174	131	183
Oct-Dec	395	425	484	417	514
Jan.	91	117	123	103	145
Feb.	74	124	119	78	129
Mar.	63	117	122	69	133
Jan-Mar	228	358	364	250	407
Apr.	49	107	106	79	est. 102
May	34	105	94	59	est. 86
June	22	90	81	69	est. 80
Apr-Jun	106	302	280	207	268
July	15	75	61	73	est. 70
Aug.	13	54	36	54	est. 48
Sept.	58	67	67	86	est. 86
Jul-Sept	87	197	164	213	204
Total	815	1,282	1,292	1,086	1,393
including (Post estimates):					
soy-oil	25	30	30	20	63
rapeseed	10	15	15	10	35
sunflwr	780	1,237	1,247	1,056	1,295

Source: State Statistical Committee data and Post estimates

Consumption

According to Rosmargarinprom, 820 kg of vegetable oil is necessary for the production of one mt of margarine and 670 kg of vegetable oil is necessary for the production of one mt of mayonnaise. Some specialists think soybean oil can replace sunflowerseed oil in the oil products industry, but sunflowerseed oil will remain attractive to exporters.

Table 19. Production of Vegetable Oil Food Products, 1,000 Metric Tons

	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
Margarine					
Oct.	31	38	48	52	52
Nov.	34	43	51	52	56
Dec.	42	40	47	48	56
Jan.	27	32	38	38	46
Feb.	28	38	41	37	45
Mar.	31	39	41	39	49
Apr.	30	34	39	42	
May	26	33	37	33	
Jun.	27	34	38	40	
Jul.	25	30	39	37	
Aug.	27	31	34	38	
Sep.	34	42	44	47	
Total	362	431	497	504	303
	CY 1999	CY 2000	CY 2001	CY 2002	
	376	457	502	516	139
Mayonnaise					
Oct.	n.a.	16	20	26	27
Nov.	n.a.	17	23	25	27
Dec.	n.a.	23	28	30	33
Jan.	n.a.	16	22	23	25
Feb.	n.a.	17	22	22	25
Mar.	n.a.	20	24	25	27
Apr.	n.a.	19	25	27	
May	n.a.	20	27	25	
Jun.	n.a.	21	26	27	
Jul.	15	19	26	28	
Aug.	15	20	26	27	
Sep.	16	20	25	26	
Total	46	228	292	310	165
	CY 1999	CY 2000	CY 2001	CY 2002	
	101	243	302	317	78

According to Soyuzmargarinprom, Russia will increase the production of vegetable oil, margarine, and mayonnaise this year and Russia is forecast to produce 1.25 million tons of vegetable oil, 520,000 tons of margarine, and 330,000 metric tons of mayonnaise compared to 1.186 million tons, 515,000 tons and 317,000 tons last year, according to data from the State Statistics Committee. These estimates are based on actual vegetable oil production numbers combined with the forecast increase in sunflowerseed production in 2003 to four million tons and overall oilseeds production exceeding 4.6 MMT. Soyuzmargarinprom's data shows that the industry already dramatically increased production in the first quarter of this year. It rose 63% year-on-year to 407,000 tons of vegetable oil, 21.8% to 139,000 tons of margarine, and 11% to 77,800 tons of mayonnaise.

However, per capita consumption of vegetable oil products in Russia remains low, at about four kg of margarine and eight kg of vegetable oil per year, about half the figure in European Union countries. Post does not expect this to change in the near future due to the low purchasing power of Russian households. In order to maintain production at the same level, Russia needs both to stimulate domestic consumption and find foreign markets for its vegetable oil and vegetable oil products.

According to Soyuzmargarinprom, the industry has the capacity to produce more than 900,000 tons of margarine per year, while market demand amounts to 550,000-600,000 tons. Capacity for mayonnaise is about 300,000 tons per year, which corresponds to the size of the domestic market.

According to experts, the industry needs a great deal of investment to update its equipment, develop production and improve technology. Also, ahead of Russia's accession to the World Trade Organization, it is necessary to bring Russian standards in line with international ones, improve methods for analysis of finished products and raw materials, as well as, outfit research labs with high precision equipment.

Trade

Post estimates total imports of vegetable oil in MY 2002 will decrease by 23 percent, due to bigger domestic crushing, but forecasts restoration of vegetable oil imports to nearly one mmt in MY 2003. Imports are forecast to increase at the expense of soybean and palm oil. The latter may be stimulated by the increased supply of palm oil from Asian countries in exchange for Russian exports to these countries of industrial products within contracts supported by the Governments. This situation will make competition in the vegetable oil market stronger and may lead to decreased consumption of traditional oil in margarine and mayonnaise production and provide stimuli to increase exports of seeds.

Stocks

Stocks of vegetable oil decreased in MY 2002 because of increased production of vegetable oil food products and increased exports of vegetable oil, and because of better planning of vegetable oil procurement by processing companies. For MY 2003 Post forecasts end of year stocks of vegetable oil will increase to 63,000 metric tons due to bigger share of imported oils.

Marketing

Most oils are sold to food processors for production of margarine, mayonnaise, or soup, or to the confectionary industry, to producers of industrial products, or bottled for retail sale for consumers. Vegetable oil and oil products for food consumption, as with other food products, are subject to regulations stipulated in the Hygienic requirements for Safety and Consumer Value of Foodstuffs - SanPin-01 (see Post Reports #RS2020, sent August

15, 2002, and Post Report #RS2022, sent September 11, 2002). Refined soybean oil and rapeseed oil are not subject to mandatory labeling for GMOs.

Prices

Competition with imported vegetable oil is strong and price fluctuations play a very significant role in both vegetable oil imports, preferences, and decision-making on the marketing of sunflowerseed oil produced domestically.

Policy and Tariffs

Tariffs and requirements for vegetable oils and products remain unchanged from the Oilseeds Annual 2002 (Gain Report #RS2015).

Sunflowerseed Oil

Post estimates Sunflowerseed oil production in MY 2002 at 1.35 million metric tons, almost 98 percent of the total estimated vegetable oil production.

Table 20. PSD, Sunflowerseed Oil, 1,000 Metric Tons

--	--	--	--	--	--	--

PSD Table						
Country	Russian Federation					
Commodity	Oil, Sunflowers seed				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	2001	Preliminary	2002	Forecast	2003
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2001		10/2002		10/2003
Crush	2485	2485	3190	3300	0	3000
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.412475	0.412475	0.399687	0.392424	ERR	0.41
Beginning Stocks	70	70	40	40	40	25
Production	1025	1025	1275	1295	0	1230
MY Imports	170	170	170	170	0	160
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	1265	1265	1485	1505	40	1415
MY Exports	85	85	120	155	0	150
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Consum	220	220	300	300	0	275
Food Use Dom. Consump.	910	910	1005	1005	0	960
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	10	10	20	20	0	10
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1140	1140	1325	1325	0	1245
Ending Stocks	40	40	40	25	0	20
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1265	1265	1485	1505	0	1415
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 21. Exports Trade Matrix, Sunflowerseed Oil, 1,000 Metric Tons

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Russian Federation		
Commodity	Oil, Sunflowerseed		
Time period	Oct/Sep	Units:	1,000 MT
Exports for:	2001		2002
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Kazakhstan	25	Kazakhstan	20
Greece	5	Italy	16
Egypt	4	Greece	13
Italy	4	Ukraine	10
Georgia	3	Turkey	8
Albania	2	Egypt	7
Total for Others	43		74
Others not Listed	12		26
Grand Total	55		100

Table 22. Import Trade Matrix, Sunflowerseed Oil, 1,000 Metric Tons

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	Russian Federation		
Commodity	Oil, Sunflowerseed		
Time period	Oct/Sep	Units:	1,000 MT
Imports for:	2001		2002
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Ukraine	88	Ukraine	90
Argentina	74	Argentina	50
Moldova	4	Moldova	5
Italy	3		
Germany	1		
Total for Others	170		145
Others not Listed	0		25
Grand Total	170		170

Soybean Oil**Table 23. PSD, Soybean Oil, 1,000 Metric Tons**

PSD Table						
Country	Russian Federation					
Commodity	Oil, Soybean				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	2001	Preliminary	2002	Forecast	2003
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2001		10/2002		10/2003
Crush	410	410	460	450	0	480
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.141463	0.141463	0.136957	0.14	ERR	0.14583
Beginning Stocks	55	55	80	80	50	23
Production	58	58	63	63	0	70
MY Imports	525	525	350	250	0	350
MY Imp. from U.S.	15	15	0	15	0	20
MY Imp. from the EC	300	300	200	100	0	100
TOTAL SUPPLY	638	638	493	393	50	443
MY Exports	5	5	0	0	0	10
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Consum	183	183	120	120	0	140
Food Use Dom. Consump.	370	370	323	250	0	270
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	553	553	443	370	0	410
Ending Stocks	80	80	50	23	0	23
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	638	638	493	393	0	443
Calendar Year Imports						
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 24. Import Trade Matrix, Soybean Oil, 1,000 Metric tons

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	Russian Federation		
Commodity	Oil, Soybean		
Time period	Oct/Sep	Units:	1,000 MT
Imports for:	2001		2002
U.S.	1	U.S.	15
Others		Others	
Argentina	175	Argentina	80
Netherlands	156	Netherlands	60
Belgium	58	Brazil	20
Germany	52	Germany	15
Brazil	46	Korea (Rep.)	6
Korea (Rep.)	6		
Finland	6		
Estonia	4		
Total for Others	503		181
Others not Listed	21		54
Grand Total	525		250

Table 25. Soybean oil Prices

Prices Table			
Country	Russian Federation		
Commodity	Oil, Soybean		
Prices in	U.S. Dollars	per uom	One Metric Ton
Year	2001	2002	% Change
Jan	430	388	-9.77%
Feb	332	406	22.29%
Mar	336	424	26.19%
Apr	406	419	3.20%
May	393	432	9.92%
Jun	327	431	31.80%
Jul	322	421	30.75%
Aug	318	435	36.79%
Sep	315	464	47.30%
Oct	324	471	45.37%
Nov	362	493	36.19%
Dec	363	461	27.00%
Exchange Rate		Local currency/US \$	

Rapeseed Oil**Table 26. PSD, Rapeseed Oil, 1,000 Metric Tons**

PSD Table						
Country	Russian Federation					
Commodity	Oil, Rapeseed				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	2001	Preliminary	2002	Forecast	2003
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2001		10/2002		10/2003
Crush	95	95	115	90	0	95
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.389474	0.389474	0.391304	0.388889	NA	0.389474
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	37	37	45	35	0	37
MY Imports	30	30	30	10	0	13
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	30	30	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	67	67	75	45	0	50
MY Exports	0	0	5	0	0	5
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Consum	15	15	20	15	0	15
Food Use Dom. Consump.	52	52	50	30	0	30
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	67	67	70	45	0	45
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	67	67	75	45	0	50
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Imports of rapeseed oil decreased in MY 2002 to less than 10,000 metric tons. Post does not provide a separate table for this commodity. Some sources of rapeseed in small amounts are the Netherlands and Germany.

Palm Oil**Table 27. PSD, Palm Oil, 1,000 Metric Tons**

PSD Table						
Country	Russian Federation					
Commodity	Oil, Palm				(1000 HA)(1000 TREES)	(1000 MT)
	Revised	2001	Preliminary	2002	Forecast	2003
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2001		10/2002		10/2003
Area Planted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Stocks	8	8	10	10	10	10
Production	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imports	300	300	330	330	0	350
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	308	308	340	340	10	360
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Consum	100	100	110	110	0	120
Food Use Dom. Consump.	198	198	220	220	0	220
Feed Waste Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	298	298	330	330	0	340
Ending Stocks	10	10	10	10	0	20
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	308	308	340	340	0	360
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 28. Import Trade Matrix, Palm Oil, 1,000 Metric Tons

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	Russian Federation		
Commodity	Oil, Palm		
Time period	Oct/Sep	Units:	1,000 MT
Imports for:	2001		2002
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
Malaysia	178	Malaysia	178
Indonesia	125	Indonesia	125
Germany	12	EU	25
Netherlands	7		
Vietnam	7		
Belgium	7		
Switzerland	2		
Singapore	1		
Total for Others	339		328
Others not Listed	1		2
Grand Total	340		330

Note: Trade import data in the Matrix is based on the final official Customs data and does not correspond with palm oil imports in MY 2001 given in the PSD (official USDA data).

Table 29. Palm Oil Prices

Prices Table			
Country	Russian Federation		
Commodity	Oil, Palm		
Prices in	U.S. Dollars	per uom	One Metric Ton
Year	2001	2002	% Change
Jan	311	349	12.22%

Feb	342	392	14.62%
Mar	301	373	23.92%
Apr	329	387	17.63%
May	300	397	32.33%
Jun	354	386	9.04%
Jul	306	390	27.45%
Aug	305	402	31.80%
Sep	314	434	38.22%
Oct	360	446	23.89%
Nov	348	442	27.01%
Dec	377	462	22.55%
Exchange Rate		Local currency/US \$	

